

**MINUTES OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY  
TENANT-LANDLORD COMMISSION**

December 17, 2009

Fairfax County Government Center  
12000 Government Center Parkway  
Fairfax, Virginia 22035  
Conference Room 9  
Chair Liff presiding

Attendees:

Commissioners Geier-Smith, Liff, Kocsis,  
Gomez, McEneaney, Kiffney and Thomas

Absentees:

McRae

Staff Attending:

Michael S. Liberman, Director  
Cable Communications and Consumer  
Protection  
Susan C. Jones, Branch Chief  
Consumer Affairs Branch  
Vee Johnson, Staff Liaison  
Consumer Affairs Branch

The meeting was called to order at 6:34p.m. by Chair Liff.

**Minutes**

The November 19, 2009, minutes were approved.

**Reports**

- Chair Liff thanked the Commissioners for their attendance.

**Director's Reports**

- Director Liberman informed that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisor's Chairman, Sharon Bulova, will deliver the State of the County address on Friday, December 18, 2009. The address will be aired on Channel 16 and will be available on video on demand. The full text of the address will also be available on the chairman's Web page.
- Beginning 2010, the Board will meet on Tuesdays. Live meetings can be watched on Channel 16.
- County Executive Anthony H. Griffin will present the proposed FY 2011 budget on February 23, 2010.

**Committee reports**

- The Channel 16 Advisory Committee did not have a report.

**Staff Reports**

- The number of foreclosure filings dropped about 20 percent from last November in Fairfax County. In Virginia, Prince William County is ranked number 1 this month, while Fairfax County fell to number 20. This data was provided by RealtyTrac.
- Susan Epstein, Inspector from the Fairfax County Zoning Enforcement Branch, Property Maintenance Section, will attend the January meeting. She will provide an overview of the Statewide Housing and Building codes and answer questions relating to maintenance and repair in rental dwellings.

**Commission Matters**

- The attendance record was circulated and approved.
- Commissioners Geier-Smith, Kiffney, and Kocsis were reappointed by the Board of Supervisors on December 7, 2009.
- There are currently two vacancies, one tenant and one citizen.
- The calendar for January 2010 was distributed and reviewed.
- Commissioner Thomas inquired about landlord participation in the Housing Choice Voucher program. Landlord Commissioners shared information about their knowledge of the program. Staff will arrange for a representative from the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development to provide information about this program at a future meeting.

**Old Business**

- The sample lease was reviewed. Changes and edits were made. Staff will incorporate the information. An updated copy will be forwarded to Commissioners.

**New Business**

- Nomination of slate of candidates.  
In accordance with Article IV of the Bylaws, the following slate of candidates was nominated:

Tenant Vice-Chair	Commissioner Thomas
Landlord Vice-Chair	Commissioner Kocsis
Secretary	Commissioner Geier-Smith

This slate was passed unanimously by the Commission. The election for Vice-Chairs and Secretary will be conducted at the meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2010.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:04p.m.